Look and Live!

"…whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."
(John 3:15)

LET every sinner here who desires something stable to fix his faith upon, listen to these simple truths, which I am trying to put as plainly as possible. You do understand me, I trust, that God must punish sin; that He must punish you for sin unless some one else will suffer in your stead; that Jesus Christ is the person who did suffer in the room and place of all those who ever have believed on Him, who do believe in Him, or ever shall believe in Him,—making for those who believe on Him a complete atonement by His [blood sacrifice] in their place. Now we say that Christ was the best person to be a substitute; for just consider what sort of a mediator was needed. Most absolutely He must be one who had no debt of His own. If Christ had been at all under the law naturally, if it had been His duty to do what is our duty to do, it is plain He could only have lived for Himself; and if He had any sin of His own, He could only have died for Himself, seeing His obligations to do and to suffer would have been His just due to the righteousness and the vengeance of God. But on Christ's part there was no natural necessity for obedience, much less for obedience unto death. Who shall venture to say that the Divine Lord, amidst the glories of heaven, owed to His Father anything? Who shall say it was due to the Divine Father that Christ should be nailed to the accursed tree, to suffer, bleed, and die, and then be cast into the grave? None can dare to say such a thing. He is Himself perfectly free, and therefore can He undertake for others. One man who is drawn for the militia cannot be a substitute for another person so drawn, because he owes for himself his own personal service. I must, if I would escape, and would procure a substitute, find a man who is not drawn, and who is therefore exempt. Such is Jesus Christ. He is perfectly exempt from service, and therefore can volunteer to undertake it for our sake. [But Jesus Christ our Lord] He is the right Person.

There was needed, also, one of the same nature with us. Such is Jesus Christ. For this purpose He became man, of the substance of His mother, very man, such a man as any of us. Handle Him, and see if He be not flesh and bones. Look at Him, and mark if He be not man in soul as well as in body. He hungers; He thirsts, He fears, He weeps, He rejoices, He loves, He dies. Made in all points and like unto us, being a man, and standing exactly in a man's place, becoming a real Adam,—as true an Adam as was the first Adam, standing [absolute] in the first Adam's place,—He is a fit Person to become a Substitute for us [the sinners He redeemed, loved, and washed in His own blood]. [Amen!] — CHS

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

June 26th, 2022

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia…"

(Revelation 1:11)

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[Beloved,] Christ was made a sacrifice for sin … It was as a substitute for sin that He did actually and literally suffer punishment for the sin of all His elect. When I say this, [I mean what I say]. Man for his sin was condemned to eternal fire; when God took Christ to be the substitute, it is true, He did not send Christ into eternal fire, but He poured upon Him grief so desperate, that it was a valid payment for even an eternity of fire. Man was condemned to live forever in hell. God did not send Christ forever into hell; but He put on [His Son], punishment that was equivalent for that. Although He did not give Christ to drink the actual hells of believers, yet He gave Him a *quid pro quo*—something that was equivalent thereunto. He took the cup of Christ's agony, and He put in there, suffering, misery, and anguish such as only God can imagine or dream of, that was the exact equivalent for all the suffering, all the woe, and all the eternal tortures of every one that shall at last stand in heaven, bought with the blood of Christ. And you say, "Did Christ drink it all to its dregs?" Did He suffer it all? Yes, my brethren, He took the cup, and [suffered all that was do our *sins* and *filthy rags righteousnesses*]! — CHS

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Betty Groover, June 25th

Jacob Luman, June 28th

Resources

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Sin Offering

"…thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin…"

(Isaiah 53:10)

WHAT was the reason of the Saviour's suffering? We are told here, *"Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin."* Christ was thus troubled, because His soul was an offering for sin. Now, I am going to be as plain as I can, while I preach over again the precious doctrine of the atonement of Christ Jesus our Lord. Christ was an offering for sin, in the sense of a substitute. God longed to save; but, if such a word may be allowed, Justice tied His hands. "I must be just," said God; "that is a necessity of my nature. Stern as fate, and fast as immutability, is the truth that I must be just. But then my heart desires to forgive—to pass by man's transgressions and pardon them. How can it be done? Wisdom stepped in, and said, "It shall be done thus;" and Love agreed with Wisdom. "Christ Jesus, the Son of God, shall stand *in man's place*, and He shall be offered upon Mount Calvary *instead of man*. Now, mark: when you see Christ going up the Mount of Doom, you see man going there: when you see Christ hurled upon His back, upon the wooden cross, you see the whole company of His elect there; and when you see the nails driven through His blessed hands and feet, it is the whole body of His Church who there, in their substitute, are nailed to the tree. And now the soldiers lift the cross, and dash it down into the socket prepared for it. His bones are every one of them dislocated, and His body is thus torn with agonies which can not be described. 'Tis manhood suffering there; 'tis the Church suffering there, in the substitute. And when Christ dies, you are to look upon the death of Christ, not as His own dying merely, but as the dying of all those for whom He stood as the scape-goat and the substitute. It is true, Christ died really Himself; it is equally true that He did not die for Himself, but died as the substitute, in the room, place, and stead of all believers, When you die you will die for yourselves; when Christ died, He died for you, if you be a believer in Him. When you pass through the gates of the grave, you go there solitary and alone; you are not the representative of all body of men, but you pass through the gates of death as an individual; but, remember, when Christ went through the sufferings of death, He was the representative Head of all His people. [Amen!] — CHS